

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8925–S8975

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2778–2780. **Page S8963**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005”. (S. Rept. No. 108–336)

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2005”. (S. Rept. No. 108–337) **Page S8963**

Homeland Security Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 7, 2004, Senate began consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 2537, Senate companion measure, for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8933–34, S8934–55**

Adopted:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 167), Thomas Amendment No. 3582 (to Amendment No. 3581), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress, at least 60 days prior to award, a report on the results of an Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76 competition, to include estimated savings, performance improvements, and the impact on jobs and Federal Government employees. **Pages S8947–50**

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 168) Leahy Amendment No. 3584 (to Amendment No. 3581), to prohibit funds from being used to process or approve a competition under Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76 for services provided as of June 1, 2004, by certain employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S8950–51**

Leahy Amendment No. 3581, to prohibit funds from being used to process or approve a competition under Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76 for services provided as of June 1, 2004, by certain employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and

Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S8945–51**

Cochran/Byrd Amendment No. 3586, to make technical corrections to provisions of the bill related to verification of air carrier calendar year 2000 security costs. **Pages S8951–52**

Cochran Amendment No. 3587, to make a technical correction. **Pages S8951–52**

Cochran (for Byrd/Stevens) Amendment No. 3588, to make modifications to the Government Accountability Office study of the Transportation Security Administration’s Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System/Secure Flight program. **Pages S8951–52**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 166), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Schumer Modified Amendment No. 3580, to appropriate an additional \$150,000,000 for port security research and development grants. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee’s 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S8941–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain first-degree amendments, subject to relevant second-degree amendments, and that all other provisions of the order governing this bill remain in effect. **Pages S8954–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 9, 2004. **Page S8972**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond F. DuBois, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

Thomas V. Skinner, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State.

Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Catherine Todd Bailey, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—168) Pages S8945, S8950, S8951

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8972.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: 302(b) ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee approved the fiscal year 2005 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee.

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

NASA'S SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of NASA's space shuttle program and the safe return of the Space Shuttle to flight, focusing on completion of the International Space Station, focus Sta-

tion research on supporting exploration goals, and fulfill the commitment to international partners, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford, USAF (Ret.), Return to Flight Task Group, Houston, Texas; and Joe Cuzzupoli, Kistler Aerospace Corporation, Kirkland, Washington.

9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine the implementation of the 9/11 Commission recommendations to provide spectrum for public safety users, focusing on private sector readiness, public safety communications, and completing the transition to digital television, receiving testimony from Representative Curt Weldon; Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Robert LeGrande, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, Government of the District of Columbia; Stephen T. Devine, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City; Gary Grube, Motorola, Schaumburg, Illinois; David L. Donovan, Association for Maximum Service Television, Washington, D.C.; and Lowell W. Paxson, Paxson Communications Corporation, West Palm Beach, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY REFORMS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals to build an agile intelligence community to fight terrorism and emerging threats, focusing on reforms recommended by the 9/11 Commission, providing Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency analysts with transparency into intelligence sources, the operational chain of command, protecting civil liberties, and the USA Patriot Act, receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and John E. McLaughlin, Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Bieke Neilson, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Representative McCotter, Micaela Alvarez, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Keith Starrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, and Raymond L. Finch, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, who was introduced by Virgin Islands Delegate Christensen,